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Art Unit : 2822  
Examiner : K. Rose

Title : BACKSIDE ILLUMINATED PHOTODIODE ARRAY

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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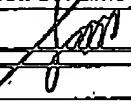
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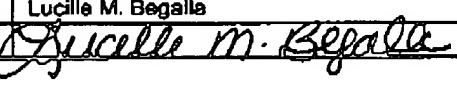
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.

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